REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of claims 1-41 that are pending in the above-identified patent application. Applicant has amended claims 1-41 to place them in better form for U.S. practice.

Applicant has requested that the Examiner accept the attached substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b) and M.P.E.P. § 608.01(q) in lieu of a listing of changes to be made to the original literal translation of the priority application. No new matter has been added by way of the substitute specification, and such substitute specification includes the same changes that are indicated in the marked-up copy of the original specification.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event there are any fees due and owing in connection with this matter, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

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